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They may be set in some more-or-less forgotten spot in your garden and they'll get along by themselves. Inasmuch as most perennial vegetables do not produce until the second year, no time should be lost in getting them started. There's no better time than right now to plant rhubarb, asparagus and artichokes.

Rhubarb should be set about four feet apart in rows six feet apart. The harvesting period should be restricted to a minimum the first year for heavy cutting may damage the roots. Rhubarb requires plenty of fertilizer and plenty of moisture during the growing season. Plant food such as sulphate of ammonia should be applied after each harvesting season to keep the plants developing in a strong and vigorous manner.

Rhubarb plants produce a tremendous amount of foliage and this naturally requires large quantities of moisture. The rate of evaporation may be quite heavy during hot weather and at such a time adequate water supplies must be provided. The plant is harvested by pulling the foliage from the main stem and then cutting off the leaves. This plant is not only a good food, it is also an attractive plant in the garden. Remember, of course, that the plants must not thirst for nurture at any time during the growing period. That is the secret of successful rhubarb culture.

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Home Canning Sugar Supply For 1944 Told

Sugar for home canning will be made available to consumers at the same rate as last year, and in much the same way. As announced before, sugar stamp 40 in war ration book 4 can be used to secure five pounds of sugar for canning any time up to Feb. 28, 1945. The remainder, a maximum of 20 pounds of sugar per person, will be granted on application to local war price and rationing boards any time after next Saturday, March 25.

Despite comparatively limited sugar supplies for civilians, the sugar set aside for home canning will approximate that of last season, OPA officials advised. Last year, housewives added an estimated 3 1/2 million jars of home canned fruit and vegetables to the processed food supply, and about 500 million jars of preserves of all sorts. It practically doubled the total amount of jams, jellies and canned fruits available for civilians.

This year the military and lend-lease demands will exceed any previous year, therefore, the continuance of heavy canning by the housewife is essential.

Procedure for securing sugar needed for canning, over and above the 5 pounds assured from stamp 40, is as follows: Application is made to the local board on a new and very simple form (OPA R-323) and the entire transaction can be handled by mail. A single application can be filed for all persons living at the same address. This should supply the names of the persons for whom the sugar is requested, including that of the person who is making the application and the number of pounds of sugar (in units of 5 pounds) the family needs for making spreads and for canning. In order to make it unnecessary to send ration books through the mail, spare stamp 37 from war ration book 4 is used for the purpose of identification. This stamp must be attached to the application form for each person applying for sugar.

Example Given A family of four, for example, may estimate that it needs 40 additional pounds of sugar to put up a year's supply of canned fruits and fruit spreads. One member will fill out a single copy of Form R-323, which the ration board will mail upon request. The person filling out the application must give the name of each person for whom application is made, as well as his own name and must attach spare stamp from each of the four ration books of members of the family.

If the ration board approves the application in full, it will mail coupons or certificates for 40 pounds of sugar, and file the application. If more sugar is needed later, a second application can be made, but it must be filed with the board where the first application is on file.

No Restriction is placed on the amount of sugar that may be used for each finished quart of fruit, as in previous years, nor is the percentage of the 25 pounds which are allowed that can go into fruit spreads controlled.

Families that can and preserve food at home for sale may apply for 250 pounds maximum of sugar for this purpose, this being the total allowance for an entire family. Canned fruits and spreads produced with this sugar are for sale only, may not be consumed at home and ration points must be collected for each transfer.

The point value to be surrendered to the sellers' ration board on such sales is 4 points per pound or the commercial point value, whichever is the lower. Sales reports and surrendered points must be turned over to the ration board before the 10th of each month after the sales are made.



BEEN HEARIN' A LOT 'BOUT HOW WE WAS AGOIN' TER NEED MORE CROPS THIS YEAR, BUT NEVER HAD THE REAL FACTS 'TILL I WENT TER A MEETIN' TURE NITE. FELLER THAT WAS A-TALKIN' SURE COULD TELL 'EM 'PEERS LIKE FOLKS DID A RIGHT SMART JOB GROWIN' TRUCK CROPS LAST YEAR AND WILL HATER KEEP AT IT FOR QUITE A SPELL. NEVER HAD HAD HUNKER 'FOR FIGGERS, BUT THE LECTURE FELLER GIVE SOME THAT KINDA STUCK IN MY HEAD. SAID YOU AN' ME AN' THE REST OF THE VICTORY GARDENERS RAISED 8 MILLION TONS IN '43. THAT'S ENUF TER FEED 8 MILLION SOJERS TER A HULL YEAR. 'TWOULD TAKE 100,000 FREIGHT CARS; A TRAIN 'BOUT 1,200 MILES LONG, OR 800 LIBERTY BOATS EACH HOLDIN' 10 THOUSAND TONS, TER TOTE THIS AMOUNT OF FODDER.

Reckon the backyard farmers ought ter git a badge for a job of work like that, and they did, too. 'Tain't nothin' ye can pin on yer overalls, but them calluses yer got onto the palms of yer hands is the Badge of Honest Labor. I'll stack that up agin the other badges any day.

Wal, sir, no matter how good we did last year, seems like we gotta do more. There'll be a lot more sojers ter feed, and they eat 2 pounds a day more than we do 'cause they work harder; then we got ter send 'bout 12 percent of all we raise ter the other armies that's helpin' us, and more ter help feed the liberated folks.

'Just tellin' ye this cause a lot of the neighbors ain't a-plantin' this spring. Some say they don't see any need, fer there was always some ter be had down ter Matt's general store last summer. That's a fact, Matt ain't have some; ter feed the 'armies, house folks and them as didn't have no ground ter grow on. But the only reason he had it was cause you and me growed enuf ter feed ourself.

Course some of ye maybe ain't interested in gittin' that Badge of Honest Labor, and if ye ain't, ye ought ter set down comfortable like and do a leetle thinkin'.

Most of ye's got a boy over ther that can't feed hisself, he's too busy helpin' them varmints from eatin' over here. He's scattered ter the four corners of the earth, livin' in mud an' snow an' ice, and endurin' the hardships of the hell we call war.

He's fightin' ter the principles of America and offerin' his 'last full measure of devotion' fer his country and the loved ones he's left behind. He gladly and without complainin' gives his life that you and me can enjoy the fruits of peace and freedom, and he's dependin' on us gardeners ter back him up ter the fullest extent of our ability.

Better mull that over a mite folks if ye reckon they ain't no need ter plant, 'cause yer goin' ter be 'shamed of yerself if yer don't.

Me? I'm goin' ter play fair and keep right on 'a-plantin' so when my boys come home I can look him right square in the eye and say, "Son, I fought too."

FEED VICTORY GARDEN TO OBTAIN PROFITABLE YIELD

A sterile soil is certain to prove unproductive. There's no such thing as waving a magic wand over an arid piece of land and expectin' seeds to sprout there. Whether it's a Victory garden, a petunia or a potted plant, some food has got to be made available.

Virgin land is the obvious exception for such soil is usually rich in humus and consequently further additions of plant food are required. But if you've been gardenin' in the back yard year after year, then you'd better start doctorin' up the soil.

Victory garden fertilizer has been made available by the national government. A formula has been approved for each section of the country, to which all manufacturers must conform. It is believed that fertilizer may become scarce as the season progresses and consequently it would be a wise move to store up a supply. The need for plant food will probably be greater this year than ever before. It is more economical to purchase it in the larger quantities. Most commercial plant foods are packaged in strong, well-constructed paper sacks and the containers will last for several months.

Some caution is required in applying fertilizer to plants. Actually the ground should be fertilized, rather than the plants. Should plant food come in contact with the foliage or other sections of growing tissue, some damage may occur. There's no secret involved in applying fertilizer over the Victory Garden. It's simply a matter of putting the food in the soil, not on the plants. They absorb the vital elements through their root system, not through their leaves.

Since most vegetables are grown in rows it should not be necessary to broadcast fertilizer over the entire garden plot. On each side of the row, approximately two inches from the plants, make furrows two inches deep. Victory garden fertilizer may be spread in these furrows approximately four pounds per hundred feet of row. Vegetables which have a lengthy growing season may need additional food every five or six weeks.

Plant food should be watered down well. Until the chemicals enter into solution they are not available for absorption by the feeding roots. That is why it is necessary to irrigate thoroughly after applying plant food.

The hen is proving herself to be America's No. 1 war worker and it is essential that eggs do not back up on the farm and cause farmers to go out of the egg business," said Messer. "This is a temporary abundance and all that we can't store against the coming fall and winter demand should be consumed by families now. Seeing that no food goes to waste is a part all homemakers can play in the war effort."

According to Hudson, a supply of egg banners will be sent to over 7500 grocers in the Los Angeles area and egg receipts will be distributed to 125,000 homes.

V-Gardeners Urged to Avoid Seed Rot, Waste

With victory gardens looming more important on the food front and with the necessity of bigger and more productive gardens this year, C. Emilen Scott, extension specialist in plant pathology, agricultural extension service, University of California, offers timely advice on the prevention of waste seed rot.

Young seedlings, he warned, often rot below the surface of the ground and die. To combat this trouble (tests) have been made which show that, with the exception of beans, treating the seed with dry red copper oxide is an effective method of control. This is done by placing one and one-half level teaspoonfuls of red copper oxide with one pound of seed in a closed container and shaking thoroughly.

However, some trouble may occur in spite of the seed treatment. To prevent this loss the following method is recommended: As soon as the seed is planted, the bed should be watered thoroughly with a mixture of three-quarters of an ounce of red copper oxide in five gallons of water. The mixture should be kept constantly stirred because copper settles quickly. As the seedlings come up through the surface of the ground, they should be watered again with the same mixture, and once again when they are an inch high.

STAR FARMER George Norse, of Elk Grove, Calif., recently was named star farmer of the Pacific region by the annual convention of the Future Farmers. Officials announced that Norse's award was the third to a California youth in the 15 years of the organization's existence.

GARDEN GRAMS

Late onion varieties may be seeded in the garden as late as the first of April and will mature during September and October. Southport, white or yellow Globe, Australian brown, Oregon Danvers and sweet Spanish are good varieties. Green "seed onions" (little onions four to five inches high) set in the garden now will make dry onions in August and September. So will dry sets.

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- Use water on your lawn or your garden wisely. Don't water-log the ground. Better to irrigate it well as the rain would do, say once a week, than to sprinkle lightly every day.
- Avoid wasteful habits, such as letting the faucet run while you do something else.
- Don't accumulate piles of trash in the cellar or the attic or any other place around the home. That's a fire hazard and it takes water to put out fires.
- Don't let water fixtures leak—whether it be a drip or a deluge.

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